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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Appellants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final decision mailed March 6, 2006 and Advisory Action mailed June 19, 2006 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4, 12-28, 36-46, 48-53 and 55-57 of the above-referenced application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite filing fee of \$500.00 (Notice of Appeal), and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 07-0868; Order No. RD27987-1/YOD (GERD:0501).

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General Authorization for Extensions of Time

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Appellants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Furthermore, Appellants authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time to Deposit Account No. 07-0868; Order No. RD27987-1/YOD (GERD:0501).

Respectfully submitted,

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